We claim:

1.     An apparatus for using a floating pallet for a digital asset management system in a plurality of different applications, comprising:

means for creating a single extension plug in to interface with API's of all of said plurality of different applications, wherein said extension plug-in communicates with said digital asset management system;

means for creating said floating pallet for said digital asset management system in one of said plurality of different applications wherein the floating pallet uses the properties and behaviors of a selected application; and

means for indicating that a file has been transferred from said digital asset management system to said selected application.

2.     The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

means for using said floating pallets to request a search of digital assets using user entered search criteria;

means for transferring said search criteria to said digital asset management system through said extension plug-in;

means for performing said search and creating a list of results;

means for transferring said list of results back to said application through said extension plug-in; and

means for displaying said list of results in said application.